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There is no end to the surprises with regard to SMBRC. Right in the midst of a purported public process to evaluate and potentially revise SMBRC's governance structure, this bill somehow got introduced on February 22 (the day after the last Governing Board meeting) with no public announcement or discussion. It is already being discussed in Committee. It would move SMBRC under the State Coastal Conservancy (instead of the State Water Boards), revise the wording of SMBRC's purpose, and presumably trigger a new MOU between Cal EPA, Natural Resources, Coastal Conservancy and SMBRC.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1511

Who among you knew about this? Who asked Assemblymember Bloom to submit this bill and why? Who did he consult with when drafting this bill? Why was this bill not discussed at the most recent Governing Board or Executive Committee meetings?

It is impossible to keep up with the constant back-room deal-making and circumvention of public process. Hoping naively for answers on this and many other questions (i.e. "where is the revised Work Plan with staffing and budget?", "Where are the agreements between TBF and LMU that explain how LMU is hosting the host entity?", etc.)

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